

LENDER ALERT

Wyoming District Office

U.S. Small Business Administration



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 1st – Native American Business Expo – Ethete
- February 3rd – “Shopping for Money” Workshop – Casper
- February 4th – Women’s Roundtable Meeting – Jackson
- February 6th – Women’s Roundtable Meeting – Laramie
- February 10th – WEDA/WCCE Winter Conference – Cheyenne
- February 11th – Business Day at the Legislature – Cheyenne
- February 11th – Women’s Roundtable Meeting – Sheridan
- February 12th – Women’s Roundtable Meeting – Casper
- February 17th – HOLIDAY
- February 18th – Women’s Roundtable Meeting – Cheyenne
- February 18th-20th – Procurement Conference – Casper
- February 20th – Women’s Roundtable Meeting Star Valley
- February 21st – Young Entrepreneur Workshop – Casper
- February 25th – Women’s Roundtable Meeting Afton
- February 25th – WNET Conference Call
- February 26th – “Shopping for Money” Workshop Wheatland

Loan Service Center Information

U.S. Small Business Administration
Commercial Loan Service Center
2719 North Air-Fresno Drive, Suite 107
Fresno, CA 93727-1547
(559) 487-5136

Send NEW servicing requests via email at
FSC.Servicing@sba.gov
Fax: (559) 487-5803

How do you check the status of your request?

Call their main number 1-800-347-0922 and choose Option Number 4. This will connect you with a Lender Liaison Representative who can tell you the status of your action and who is handling it.

Where do you send your questions regarding the 1502 Colson Report?

The Center has created a special e-mail address expressly for your 1502 questions. However, they do ask that you contact Colson Services first. If they are unable to provide a response, please forward your question to FSC.1502@sba.gov and you will receive a response from them within 24 hours. Additionally, you may contact them at 559-487-5136 and ask for either Theresa Pike, extension 243 or Janet Shelley, extension 207.

For faster service, the center encourages the use of e-mail!

Help for Small Businesses Affected by the Federal Call Up of Military Reservists or the National Guard

If you know of small businesses that have been adversely affected by the federal Title 10 call-up of members of the National Guard or Reserves during a period of conflict, the U.S. Small Business Administration can help.

Disaster Loans

For eligible small businesses suffering economic injury because an owner or an essential employee was called to active duty, the SBA can offer a Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan. Small businesses may apply for the loan after Reserve or National Guard members receive their orders to active duty. Loans of up to \$1.5 million are available at an interest rate not to exceed 4 percent. The loan application can be downloaded from the Web site at www.sba.gov/disaster/mreidl.html

Debt Relief

If you know of a small business that currently has an SBA direct or guaranteed loan, they can ask for repayment deferrals, interest-rate reduction and other assistance.

Business Counseling & Training

Through the Wyoming District Office and our resource partners, businesses can receive business development help and business counseling and training to help their business while the owner or employees are on active duty with the National Guard or Reserves.

Basic 7(a) Loan Guaranty

This is SBA's primary business loan program to help qualified small businesses obtain financing when they might not be eligible for business loans through normal channels. It is the SBA's most flexible business loan program, since financing can be guaranteed for most general purposes. More information can be found at www.sba.gov/loans or by calling the Wyoming District Office at 307-261-6500.

For more information on these and other programs call the Wyoming District Office. You can also contact 1-800-U ASK SBA, visit the Web site www.sba.gov/reservists or call the Office of Veterans Business Development at 202-205-6773.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

U.S. Senator Mike Enzi and GRO-Biz (Wyoming Procurement Technical Assistance Center) invite small businesses in Wyoming and adjoining states to this annual event – How to market your business to federal and state contracting agencies and prime contractors. Please encourage your bank customers, who are interested in selling to state and federal government agencies, to attend this conference on **February 18th-20th** at the Radisson Hotel, Casper, Wyoming. For registration information call toll free 1-877-733-3618, extension 1 or visit the GRO-biz Web-site <http://www.gro-biz.com>. You may also contact Jeffrey Sneddon at the SBA Wyoming District Office at 307-261-6508.